

IN THE DRAWINGS

A Replacement Sheet for FIG. 3 is included herewith showing the change requested by the Examiner. The amendment to the drawing introduces no new subject matter and is fully supported by the original filing.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 3-7, 9, 11 have been amended and claims 2 and 13 have been cancelled.

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is included herewith. In addition to newly cited references the Information Disclosure Statement includes a corrected reference to U.S. Patent No. 4,473,223 to Lap.

The specification has been amended to correct the issues raised by the Examiner. More specifically, the language for signaling the specific reference to the prior application has been amended. The objections to the specification set forth on page 3 of the Office Action have been attended to with this response. Withdrawal of the objections to the specification and the prior reference to the prior application is respectfully requested.

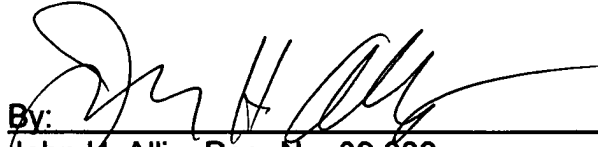
Figure 3 has been amended to include the legend of Prior Art. Withdrawal of the objection of Figure 3 is respectfully requested.

Claims 4, 5, 6 and 7 have been amended to reflect the amendments that were offered in the preliminary amendment but with the wrong status identifier. Further, claim 9 has been amended to address the objection on page 4 of the Office Action.

Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 USC § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-13 of United States Patent No. 6,654,224. The claims have been amended such that they are not claiming identical subject matter to the '224 Patent. Withdrawal of the § 101 rejection is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to issue an early Notice of Allowance for claims 1 and 3-12. The Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to discuss any unresolved matters.

Respectfully Submitted:

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